

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA

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MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
February 11 2014
6:30 PM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wayne Slaton called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Town Clerk, Marjorie Tejeda, called the roll with the following Councilmembers present: Tony Lama, Frank Mingo, Tim Daubert, Nelson Rodriguez, Ceasar Mestre, Vice Mayor Manny Cid and Mayor Wayne Slaton.

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Rabbi Mendel Weiss from Miami Lakes Synagogue led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Boy Scout Troop 49 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

All comments or questions from the attending public to the Council shall be directed to the Mayor, in a courteous tone. No person other than the Council and the person recognized by the Mayor as having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into discussion without the permission of the Mayor. To ensure the orderly conduct and efficiency of the meeting, public comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes maximum per person; however, the Mayor may authorize the extension of the aforesaid time frame, and any extension shall apply to other individuals speaking on the same subject.

No clapping, applauding, heckling, verbal outburst in support of, or in opposition to a speaker or his/her remarks shall be permitted. Should a member of the audience become unruly, or behave in any manner that disrupts the orderly and efficient conduct of the meeting, the Mayor is given the right and the authority to require such person to leave the Council Chambers.

As a courtesy to others, all electronic devices must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of the proceedings.

Joshua Dieguez, Chairman of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, informed the Council that the Town Clean Up Day that was scheduled to take place on February 15th will be rescheduled due to the Mass in honor of Father Murphy.

Augie Robaina spoke about the fence on NW 87th Avenue.

Xiomara Robaina spoke about the fence on NW 87th Avenue.

Oswaldo Arenas spoke about the fence on NW 87th Avenue.

Ramon Silverio spoke about the fence on NW 87th Avenue.

Armando Perez spoke about item 8.E. He requested that the Council further reduce his code compliance fine.

Amy Perez requested that the Council further reduce her father's code compliance fine.

Juan Valiente requested that the Town Manager look into the road conditions of NW 167th Street and NW 79th Avenue. He also spoke about the Car Show that the Town formerly hosted.

Richard Guertin from Seagis Corp. requested that the Council waive the code compliance fine for item 8.C.

Mirtha Mendez spoke in opposition to item 10.G, Golf Carts, and to changing the speed zone in residential areas to 25 MPH.

Esperanza "Hope " Reynolds referred to a book "America the Owner's Manual" that was authored by Senator Bob Graham.

Alex Ariano spoke about the Code Compliance process and the violation on the Dunn's property.

Lynn Matos spoke about the East Park construction and spoke in favor of the 25 MPH speed zones in residential areas.

Alan Rigerman spoke about a placing a sign informing drivers of the approaching guard gate on NW 82nd Avenue and NW 168th Street. He also requested that the Council pass a resolution urging the State to increase the distance between pedestrians sidewalks and cars to 3 feet.

Sean Martin spoke in favor of 25 MPH speed zones in residential areas.

Alex Sanchez spoke about the Antique Car Show that the Town formerly hosted.

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS(DEFERRALS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS):

Councilman Tony Lama asked the Town Manager, Alex Rey, to explain the process on obtaining a Special Event Permit.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the order of the agenda. The motion received a second from Councilman Daubert and all were in favor.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Veteran Affairs Committee

Angel Luis Vazquez, Chairman of the Veteran Affairs Committee, reported to the Council on the upcoming events to be hosted by the committee.

Public Safety Committee

Roberto Alonso Jr., Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported to the Council on the upcoming events that will be hosted by the committee.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Lama made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Councilman Mestre and all were in favor.

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CO-DESIGNATE NW 87TH AVENUE AS "ROYAL LAKES BOULEVARD;" AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CO-DESIGNATE THE ROAD; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rodriguez)**

Passed on consent.

- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINES FOR CASE NO. C2013-1281, C2013-0862, C2012-1550 AND C2011-2640; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on consent.

- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM SEAGIS PALMETTO 14240 LLC TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2006-0538; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on consent.

- D. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM AMVG INVESTMENTS LLC TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINE FOR CASE NO. C2013-1298; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on consent.

- E. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; ACCEPTING A REQUEST FROM ARMANDO PEREZ TO REDUCE PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED CODE COMPLIANCE FINES FOR CASE NO. C2011-0429 AND C2008-0644; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)**

Passed on consent.

9. ORDINANCES-SECOND READING (PUBLIC HEARING):

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 13-1801, OFF-STREET PARKING; ADDING SECTION 13-1802, PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PARKING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey, Mestre)

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance.

Brandon Schaad, Town Planner, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Council.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-161; AMENDING THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR THE 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Rey)

Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, read the title of the ordinance.

Town Manager, Alex Rey, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Council.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Mirtha Mendez spoke in opposition to the committees' carry over funds.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to allocate \$4,000 to the Youth Activities Task Force's Movies in the Park events from non-departmental funds and to allocate \$2,000 to the Public Safety Committee's budget from non-departmental funds. Councilman Mestre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Councilman Mestre made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama. The Town Clerk called the roll and the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. East Park Construction (Mingo)

The Town Attorney and the Town Manager updated the Council on discussions with the Bond Company of the former contractor.

B. Government Center Security (Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez withdrew this item.

C. Business Tax Receipts Reform (Cid)

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion directing staff to present several options for Business Tax Receipts in the budget process for FY 2014-2015. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama and all were in favor.

D. Charter Change on Committee Appointments (Lama, Slaton)

Councilman Lama made a motion to present the attached resolution for adoption at the next regular council meeting. The motion received a second from Mayor Slaton and all were in favor.

E. Revision of Contracts (Daubert)

No action taken.

F. Use of Social Media by the Police Department (Mingo)

Councilman Mingo made a motion directing staff to enter into discussions with the Miami Lakes Police Department to use social media tools to engage in community outreach in an effort to prevent unsolved crimes. The motion received a second from Councilman Lama and all were in favor.

G. Golf Carts (Rodriguez)

No action taken.

H. Increasing Miami Lakes Bus Route Ridership and Connectivity (Cid)

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion directing staff to meet with the City of Hialeah Transit Team and study an interchange possibility. The Vice Mayor requested that staff report back to the Council and include a feasibility study. The motion received a second from Councilman Rodriguez and all were in favor.

I. Public Safety Committee Proposal: 25 mph on Residential Roads (Cid)

Vice Mayor Cid made a motion to endorse the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to reduce the speed zones in residential areas to 25 MPH and requested that staff present a feasibility study before proceeding. The Council requested that the Public Safety Committee host a Town Hall Meeting to receive feedback on this issue from the residents. Councilman Rodriguez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

11. REPORTS:

Appointments:

Vice Mayor Manny Cid nominated Laura Leyva to the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, Daniel Pou and Javier Zayas to the Cultural Affairs Committee.

Councilman Cesar Mestre nominated Lois Lopez to the Public Safety Committee,

Sandra Howard to the PAR 3 Committee, and Katherine Duarte to the Youth Activities Task Force.

Councilman Frank Mingo nominated Nancy Simon to the Education Advisory Board, and Joshua Dieguez to the Elderly Affairs Committee.

The Mayor appointed all of the nominees. Councilman Mestre made a motion to accept the appointments and the motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid. All were in favor.

A. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

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1. Update on Natural Gas Line Survey (Rodriguez)

***Requires waiver of Section 7.2 of the Council Meeting Rules**

Councilman Mestre made a motion to waive Section 7.2 of the Council Rules. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cid and all were in favor.

Councilman Rodriguez gave a report on the upcoming Natural Gas Line resident survey.

B. MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Committees' Functional Responsibilities

The Town Manager reported that the Town Clerk and himself will be meeting with Committee Members to review their roles and the Committee Rules. Councilman Lama requested that the Town Manager include in his discussion the topic of the committees' ideal number of committee members.

2. Remote Public Comments (Rey, Cid)

The Town Manager reported that staff is prepared to implement live public comments at the March Council Meeting. The Mayor, Councilman Daubert, Councilman Lama, Councilman Mestre, Councilman Rodriguez, and Councilman Mingo stated their concerns with live streaming. The Mayor requested that mock meetings be scheduled to test the logistics before implementation.

3. Application Fee for Boat and Commercial Vehicle Storage Site

The Town Manager reported to the Council that the cost for the application is \$500. The Town Manager requested approval of \$500 for an application fee in order to begin Florida Power and Light's review process to create a storage site for boats and commercial vehicles.

4. 1st Quarter Performance Report (Rey, Cid)

The Town Manager presented the report. Vice Mayor Cid praised staff for their budget performance efforts.

C. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

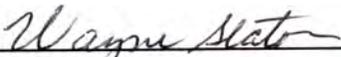
1. State Housing Initiatives Partnership

The Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, shared with the Council the letter he sent to the State in an attempt to secure funds for this program.

ADJOURNMENT:

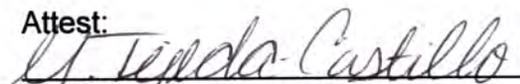
There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of March, 2014.



Wayne Slaton
Mayor

Attest:



Marjorie Tejada-Castillo
Town Clerk